

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A photographic production system, comprising:

a first and a second print producing lines each of which comprises plural serial processing devices to produce a photographic printing in response to a work order from a customer to produce the photographic printing;

the first print producing line including:

a monitoring section to monitor a working status of each of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line and to memorize the working status,

a request-information generating section to generate request-information to request to conduct a process of one of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line on a basis of the working status, and

a request-information issuing section to issue the request-information to the second print producing line; and the second print producing line including: and

a request-information receiving section to receive the request-information from the request-information issuing section, and

a processing result returning section to make the corresponding one of the plural serial processing devices of the second print producing line to conduct the requested process and to return a processing result to the first print producing line.

2. (original) The photograph production system of claim 1, wherein, the request-information to request to conduct a process including:

identification of the second producing line;

information about which processing devices have been completed; and,

information about which part of the processing device have been completed, when one of the processing device has not been completed.

3. (currently amended) The photographic production system of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein, the second print producing line specified in the request-information includes at least a processing device, which is specified in the request-information to request to conduct a process to the second print producing line.

4. (currently amended) The photographic production system of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein, the processing result includes which processing device has been completed, and processed data when a processing device, which has been specified in the requestinformation has been completed.

5. (currently amended) The photographic production system of ~~any one of claim 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial processing devices is

interrupted.

6. (original) A photographic production system for controlling a processing devices alternation between a first and a second photographic print producing lines, the first and the second print producing lines having a first computer and a second computer respectively and plural serial processing devices to produce the photographic printing in response to the work order from the customer to produce the photographic printing, comprising:

the first computer in the first photographic print producing line including:

a memory function to store working status of each of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line to complete the work order;

a request-information generating function to generate request-information to conduct a process of one of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line on a basis of the working status, which is stored by the memory function, to the second photographic print producing line; and a request-information issuing function to issue the request-information generated by the requestinformation generating function; and the second computer in the second photographic print producing line including:

a request-information receiving function to receive the request-information to conduct a process; and

a processing result returning function to make the corresponding one of the plural serial processing devices of the second print producing line to conduct the requested process and to return a processing result to the first print producing line.

7. (original) The photographic production of claim 6, wherein the request-information to request to conduct a process of one of the plural serial processing devices of the first print producing line on a basis of the working status is issued when one of the plural serial producing devices is interrupted.

8. (new) The photographic production system of claim 2, wherein, the second print producing line specified in the request-information includes at least a processing device, which is specified in the request-information to request to conduct a process to the second print producing line.

9. (new) The photographic production system of claim 2, wherein, the processing result includes which processing device has been completed, and processed data when a processing device, which has been specified in the request information has been completed.

10. (new) The photographic production system of claim 2, wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial processing devices is interrupted.

11. **(new)** The photographic production system of claim 3, wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial processing devices is interrupted.

12. **(new)** The photographic production system of claim 4, wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial processing devices is interrupted.

13. **(new)** The photographic production system of claim 8, wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial processing devices is interrupted.

14. **(new)** The photographic production system of claim 9, wherein, the request-information is issued when one of the serial processing devices is interrupted.